



R E P O R T

On the Health and Sanitary Condition of the

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT

for the year

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Presented to the

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

by

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the Westbury Urban
Sanitary Authority.

Health Department,
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Warminster, Wilts.

TO. The Chairman of the Westbury Urban District Council.

Sir,

As directed by the Ministry of Health Circular 1/54 dated 12th January, 1954, I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report relating to the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District.

For the figures relating to vaccination and immunization, I am indebted to the Officers of the Wiltshire County Council and more so for advice and co-operation when necessary. Needless to say the figures for vaccination and immunization would not have been possible had I not enjoyed the help of the family doctors. Also the vital statistics point to the admirable services rendered to the public by these practitioners. Finally I thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support and your Clerk and Sanitary Officers for their help and co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of The Council.

Mrs. W.I.B.Macdonald, J.P.

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Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

Mrs. D.L.Argent.

Members of the Public Health Committee.

Councillors:	W.H.Alley,	F.W.Francis
	D.L.Argent (Mrs.)	E.C.Macey
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	F.H.Fear	

Public Health Officers of The Authority.

Medical Officer of Health.

Joseph Reynolds, M.C., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S.Edin.,
L.R.F.P. & S., Glas., D.P.H.(Eng.)

Chief Sanitary Inspector. (Part-time)

S.H.Prophet, A.F.S., A.R.San.I.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

J.Webster, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.,

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area of District (in acres)	3,686
Population - Registrar General's Estimate as at 30.6.53.	5,385
Number of Inhabited Houses and Flats as at 31.12.53.	1,693
Rateable Value on 1.4.53.	£31,436
Product of a Penny Rate year ending 31.3.53.	£124. 11s.5d.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

a)	<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	TOTAL	51	47
	Legitimate	51	47
	Illegitimate	-	-

Live Birth Rate per
1,000 population of the
Urban District. 18.2

Live Birth Rate of the
Urban District after correction
by Area Comparability Factor. 18.6

Live Birth Rate per 1,000
population of England & Wales. 15.5

b)	<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	TOTAL	1	1
	Legitimate	1	1
	Illegitimate	-	-

c)	<u>Deaths.</u>	23	18
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Crude Death Rate per 1,000
population of the Rural
District. 7.6

Crude Death Rate after
correction by Area Comparability
Factor. 6.9

Death Rate per 1,000
population of England and
Wales. 11.4

d)	<u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>under one year of</u> <u>age.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	TOTAL	-	-

e)	<u>Deaths of Infants</u> <u>under 4 weeks of</u> <u>age.</u>
	TOTAL

f)	<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease.	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	2	2
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	-	-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	-	-	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	1	1	2
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	1	1	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	4	-	4
18.	Corenary disease angina	4	4	8
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	-	-	-
20.	Other heart disease	5	5	10
21.	Other circulatory disease.	1	1	2
22.	Influenza	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	1	-	1
24.	Bronchitis	2	-	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-

	<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
27.	Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea.	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth abortion	-	1	1
31.	Congenital malformation.	-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	3	3
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-
34.	All other accidents	1	-	1
35.	Suicide.	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-

TOTALS:

23

18

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TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors.)

Year	Population.	Births.	Rate per 1,000 population.	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 population.	Deaths of Infants under one year of age.
1950	5,330	105	20.1	62	10.4	5
1951	5,333	92	17.6	59	10.1	5
1952	5,375	99	18.8	65	11.0	3
1953	5,385	98	18.6	41	6.9	-

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

a) Laboratory Facilities.

The district is fortunate in having laboratory facilities available to the East and to the West, i.e. in the Pathological Department of the Salisbury Infirmary and the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Practitioners in the district use the most convenient laboratory, a practice followed by this Department when forwarding specimens of water, milk, ice-cream, or suspected foodstuffs for bacteriological investigation.

b) Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service to this district is controlled from Bradford-on-Avon where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist, or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

where there is a dialling system in operation,
dial 999

where there is no dialling system, lift the
receiver and ask for an ambulance.

c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps.

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Telephone Trowbridge 3641.

d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The following Clinics serve the districts:-

1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.
Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.

2. Infant Welfare:

Methodist Chapel, George Street, Warminster at 2.30 p.m.
on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Methodist Schoolroom, Station Road, Westbury at 2.30 p.m.
on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on the
second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Trowbridge C.C. Clinic, The Halve, at 2 p.m. on every
Tuesday and Thursday.

3. Paediatrics

Warminster Hospital on second Friday in each month.

4. Diphtheria Immunisation:

Immunisation is undertaken by the County Council and Medical Officers visit the schools in outlying villages at specific dates for this purpose. All family Doctors will also carry out immunization.

The Warminster Clinic is held on the fourth Friday of every month at 2 p.m., at the Methodist School room, George Street, Warminster.

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m., at the Laverton Institute, Westbury.

5. Ear, Nose and Throat.
By invitation from the County Council or through the family doctor.
Trowbridge and District Hospital first and third Saturday in each month.
6. Eye.
By invitation from the County Council.
Second and fourth Friday in each month.
7. Orthopaedic.
At Trowbridge, by invitation from the County Council or through family doctor.
Warminster, on first Monday, first Friday and fourth Thursday in each month.
8. Gynaecology.
At Warminster Hospital on fourth Wednesday in each month, and at Westbury Hospital on first and third Monday.
9. Tuberculosis.
Trowbridge - every Saturday at 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cases referred by own Doctor or by invitation from County Council.
10. Rheumatism.
Alternate Wednesday at Trowbridge and District Hospital.
11. Cancer.
At Bristol and Bath, by arrangement with the County Council.
12. Mental Illness.
Trowbridge and District Hospital, every Tuesday afternoon.
13. Chiropody.
By arrangement with the County Council.

14. <u>Venereal Diseases.</u>	<u>MEN.</u>	<u>WOMEN.</u>
County Council Clinic, The Halve, Trowbridge.	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.
General Infirmary, Salisbury.	Tuesday - 11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Wednesday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.
	Friday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.	Saturday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Royal United Hospital, Bath.	Friday - 5 p.m. Saturday - 5 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 p.m. Friday - 2.30 p.m.
St.Martin's Hospital, Bath.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.

e) Hospitals.

The two hospitals noted below serve the Urban District and are controlled by the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee.

	<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Classification.</u>	<u>Type of case dealt with.</u>
Westbury and District Hospital.	20	do.) Acute medical and surgical cases.) Gynaecological cases.) Chronic sick patients for short periods only.
Sambourne Hospital.	146	Mainly chronic sick.) Aged chronic sick.) Accommodation reserved to the County Council for 40 Welfare residents. Accommodation provided for 11 wayfarers.
Beckford Orthopaedic Hospital, Warminster.	26	Orthopaedic	Tubercular cases.

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Trowbridge, Bath and Salisbury. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital and the Manor Hospital, Bath.

f) Mortuary.

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting Pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

1 Bratton Road,
Westbury.

Telephone: Westbury 296.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Springfield Road,
Westbury.

Telephone: Westbury 22.

General Information (Contd.)

National Assistance Board.

Bellefield House,
Hilperton Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 2348.

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance.

1 Bratton Road,
Westbury.

Telephone: Westbury 296.

Bellefield House,
Hilperton Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 2348.

Mental Health Officer - Mr.R.H.G.Moore.

Normal Office Hours:
County Hall,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 3641.

Out of Office Hours:
c/o Tabernacle Cottage,
Church Street,
Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 2341.

SECTION C.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Diphtheria.

No case of diphtheria occurred in the District during 1953. In addition to the Clinic facilities detailed on page 6, visits are made to the schools for the purpose of immunization.

The numbers of children immunised during the year were:-

Primary immunizations - to 1 year of age	43
1-4 years of age	34
5-14 years of age	11

Total immunised child population at 31st December, 1953	-	1,112
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Reinforcing Injections	-	164
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Children in the age group 0-2 immunised during the year, expressed as a percentage of the number of registered live births during the year	-	76.5
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Children in the age group 5-9 primarily immunised and children in the age group 4-9 given reinforcement doses during the year, expressed as a percentage of school entrants during the year.	-	83.3
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I congratulate the parents of children of school age on the figures above but the smaller children are equally in need of protection and one child in four is not protected when he or she reaches the age of two. I would like parents to make an effort to have babies immunised as soon as they reach eight months of age.

Smallpox.

Vaccination against smallpox.

Age Group	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 and over
Primary Vaccinations	31	1	-	-	1
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	8

Children under the age of one year vaccinated during the year, expressed as a percentage of the number of registered live births during the year	-	31.6
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It will be seen from these figures that two babies in three are not vaccinated. As in previous Annual Reports I must stress the possibility of an epidemic of smallpox in this area if mothers persist in neglecting to have their babies vaccinated. A Ministry of Health report stated "that in countries in which there is such vaccination and re-vaccination relatively to the population there is little smallpox; that in places where smallpox prevails it attacks a much greater proportion of the unvaccinated than the vaccinated, especially where the vaccinations are comparatively recent; that in houses invaded by smallpox in the course of an outbreak not nearly so many of the vaccinated inmates are attacked as of the unvaccinated in proportion to their numbers; that the fatality rate among persons attacked by smallpox is much greater, age for age, among the unvaccinated than among the vaccinated; that improved sanitation, however beneficial in itself, cannot account for these facts; and that though early diagnosis, prompt isolation of smallpox patients in suitable hospitals, effective disinfection, supervision of contacts and other such public health measures are available, they are no substitute for vaccination".

I know the majority of parents in this district have their children's interests at heart. I trust they will appreciate this danger from smallpox and ensure that all babies are vaccinated. They have only to ask their family doctor and he will perform vaccination free of charge.

Tuberculosis.

Six (6) new cases were notified during the year making a total of fifty-seven (57) cases on the Register. The success of new methods of treatment in recent years leads me to hope that these numbers will soon begin to decrease. The new treatment cannot be successful unless the patient is brought forward for treatment which postulates diagnosis. Early diagnosis is being helped by the visits paid to urban centres by the Mass Radiography Unit administered by the South-Western Regional Hospital Board. As a result of a visit to Westbury during 1953 five hundred and sixty-seven (567) persons were examined and twenty-eight (28) were recalled for further examination. Three (3) persons were found to be in need of treatment..

Measles.

Serum for treating selected cases or prophylaxis of selected cases is available to medical practitioners on application to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory at Bath.

	<u>1949.</u>	<u>1950.</u>	<u>1951.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
Measles.	243	1	47	30	144
Whooping Cough	2	93	7	15	100
Scarlet Fever	3	1	30	9	3
Poliomyelitis	-	1	1	3	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-
Influenzal Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	1

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1953.

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Measles	46	73	16	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	144
Whooping Cough	59	19	10	1	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	100
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Tuberculosis.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Cases on Register at 31.12.53	9	16	16	16
New Cases notified during 1953, including transfers in.	1	3	1	1
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	1	-	4	1
Transferred out of district	3	-	-	-

National Assistance Act, 1948.

During the year no action was taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

SECTION D.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

No. of Retailers registered	-	4
No. of Dairies registered	-	3

The licences granted during the year to sell designated milk as provided by the Milk and Dairy Regulations 1949 were:

Dealers' Licences issued to use the special designation Tuberculin Tested.	-	3
Dealers' Licences issued to use the special designation Pasteurized.	-	3
Supplementary Licences issued to use the special designation Tuberculin Tested.	-	1
Supplementary Licences issued to use the special designation Pasteurized.	-	1

Milk Sample Reports.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Retailer.</u>	<u>Designation.</u>	<u>Result.</u>
10.3.53	"A"	Tuberculin Tested.	Satisfactory.
10.3.53	"B"	do.	do.
10.3.53	"C"	do.	Unsatisfactory.
18.3.53	"C"	do.	Satisfactory.
18.3.53	"C"	do.	do.
14.4.53	"C"	do.	do.
14.4.53	"A"	do.	do.
14.4.53	"D"	Pasteurized.	do.
9.9.53	"C"	Tuberculin Tested.	Unsatisfactory
14.9.53	"C"	do.	do.
8.9.53	"C"	Pasteurized.	Satisfactory.
14.9.53	"C"	Tuberculin Tested.	Unsatisfactory.
17.9.53	"B"	do.	do.
17.9.53	"C"	do.	do.
17.9.53	"A"	do.	do.
28.9.53	"B"	do.	Satisfactory.
28.9.53	"C"	do.	do.
28.9.53	"A"	do.	do.
19.10.53	"C"	do.	do.
19.10.53	"B"	do.	do.
19.10.53	"A"	do.	do.
9.11.53	"B"	do.	do.
9.11.53	"A"	do.	do.
9.11.53	"C"	do.	do.
9.11.53	"D"	Pasteurized.	do.
30.11.53	"A"	Tuberculin Tested.	do.
30.11.53	"C"	do.	do.
30.11.53	"B"	do.	do.
31.12.53	"C"	do.	do.
31.12.53	"B"	do.	do.
31.12.53	"A"	do.	do.

Biological.

28.9.53	"B"	Raw.	do.
14.9.53	"E"	do.	do.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>	<u>Pasteurized.</u>	<u>Raw.</u>
Satisfactory	-	21	3	2
Unsatisfactory	-	7	-	-

Milk (Contd.)

Whenever a sample is found to be unsatisfactory the dealer, if registered with this Authority, is advised and check samples taken until a satisfactory result is obtained. Should the retailer's dairy be outside the district the facts are communicated to the Medical Officer of Health for that district. In the case of producer retailers the matter is referred to the officers of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Ice-Cream.

Twenty-three (23) premises are now registered for the sale of ice-cream but the ice-cream is supplied by three (3) large manufacturers. Six (6) samples were taken and Laboratory examination shewed all to be satisfactory.

Food Premises.

Food shops, including cafes, number forty-one (41). The Sanitary Inspectors and myself paid many visits to such places to ensure a high standard of hygiene and general compliance with Byelaws with regard to the proper handling, wrapping and delivery of food.

Two (2) slaughtermen hold licences but there is no Ministry of Food slaughterhouse in the district.

SECTION E.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

Sampling gave the following results:

Date.	Raw or Treated.	Source of Sample.	Bact: Count Cols: per 1 m.l.	Estimated Coli Acrogenes count per 100 m.l.	Estimated Faecal B Coli count per 100 m.l.
20.1.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	3	Nil	Nil
20.1.53	T	Tap, Edward Street. .	1	Nil	Nil
10.3.53	T	Standpipe, Eden Vale.	1	Nil	Nil
10.3.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.4.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	5	Nil	Nil
14.4.53	T	"Kota Timige", Laverton Rd.	1	Nil	Nil
15.6.53	T	Tap, Laverton Institute.	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.6.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	12	Nil	Nil
16.9.53	T	Sanitary Inspector's Office, 5 Westbourne Road.	1	Nil	Nil
16.9.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	Nil	Nil	Nil
16.9.53	T	No.8 Elm Grove.	3	Nil	Nil
7.10.53	T	Warminster Road Dairy.	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.10.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	1	Nil	Nil
7.10.53	T	Reservoir	15	Nil	Nil
2.11.53	R	Bratton Rd.Pumping Station.	5	13	Nil
2.11.53	T	Standpipe, Fountainville.	500+	Nil	Nil
2.11.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	500+	90	Nil
11.11.53	T	88 Eden Vale.	10	Nil	Nil
25.11.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	56	10	3
25.11.53	T	Reservoir	Nil	Nil	Nil
25.11.53	T	Laverton Institute.	13	Nil	Nil
3.12.53	T	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	17	8	Nil
9.12.53	R	No.2 Borehole, Wellhead.	2	Nil	Nil
9.12.53	R	No.3 Borehole, Wellhead.	3	Nil	Nil
9.12.53	T	32 Church Street.	8	Nil	Nil

It will be seen that chlorination of the supply from Wellhead has ensured the presence of a wholesome water in the town mains.

Only one sample was taken from the Bratton road supply and as in previous years it shewed pollution. Should this supply be brought into use again it will be necessary to install chlorination plant to treat the water before putting it into the reservoir.

No. of Premises supplied from town mains - 1,806

No. of Premises supplied from other sources - 17

The Sanitary Inspector reports as follows:-

Housing.

During the year 46 houses were completed on the Oldfield Park Housing Estate. This number shows a considerable increase on the previous year's figure when construction was seriously retarded owing to protracted land negotiations.

The total number of houses occupied on this Estate at the 31st December, 1953 was 178, as compared with 132 on the same date in 1952.

During the year 13 dwellings were completed by private enterprise.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Refuse disposal in the Urban District on the tip at Slag Lane is carried out by the method known as controlled tipping.

The Proposal by Melksham Urban District Council to share the tipping facilities in Westbury, which was given general approval by the Westbury Urban District Council, has now been agreed by the Railway Executive Estate Surveyor who is having the necessary documents drawn up so that the joint tipping arrangement is now likely to take effect in early 1954.

The issue of informal notices requiring the provision of approved type dustbins throughout the district and notices are continuing to be served as and when necessary with continuing good results. A further motion that dustbins be supplied by the Council in terms of Section 75 (3) of the Public Health Act, 1936 was rejected.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage Works at Frogmore continue to operate satisfactorily during dry weather conditions and field tests made on the effluent from the humus tanks have given satisfactory results. These tests were made by an Inspector of Pollution from the Bristol Avon River Board.

In times of storm, however, the present pumping and storage facilities are still inadequate to deal with the combined flow, and the overflow at the Sewage Disposal Works is of necessity brought into action. During the year the Council received their Consulting Engineers' Report on the works necessary to the sewerage system and the sewage disposal works and instructions have been given to them to prepare the necessary plans, documents, etc., for the provision of a relief sewer in Frogmore Road and the enlargement of the Frogmore culvert at an estimated cost of £2,600. These works will represent the first instalment of the further works considered necessary by the Consulting Engineers.

The leaking Dortmund tank has been re-lined with reinforced concrete and is now in satisfactory working condition.

Sanitary Inspections.

The analysis of the inspections for the year is appended.

Pest Control.

The Rodent Operator whose services are shared with the Warminster Urban District Council visited dwellinghouses, factories, farms, shops etc., in the district. The sewers and refuse tip have been treated regularly and satisfactory results have been achieved.

Pest Control (Contd.)

The returns submitted after the baiting and poisoning of the sewers gave evidence that these were to a very large extent free of infestation.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938. / Shops Act, 1950.

Inspections of food and other premises during the year have shown that a good standard has been maintained. Contraventions of the Acts have been few and in the main minor ones. These have been rectified upon informal action being taken with the persons concerned.

During the year 191 condemnation certificates were issued in respect of foodstuffs (mostly tinned goods from the warehouse in the district) voluntarily surrendered for condemnation.

Factories Act, 1937.

Inspection of factories in the district has been maintained and premises have been found to be generally satisfactory, such minor contraventions as existed having been rectified by the owners as required by this office.

Sanitary Inspections of the District.

The following is a summary of the inspections and visits made during 1953:-

Houses - Public Health Acts.	9
Houses - Housing Acts.	72
Complaints investigated. (Inclusive of houses and hutments under direct control.)	774
Factories and Workshops	30
Infectious Diseases.	3
Rats and Mice Acts	41
Petroleum Acts	28
Shops Acts	26
Interviews with Owners, etc.	5
Revisits to Property under notice	32
Bakehouses	5
Fried Fish Shops	3
Butchers' Shops	5
Ice Cream Premises	16
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	24
Milk Samples - Graded Milk.	32
do. Tuberculosis	2
do. Bottle Rin	3
Tinned Foods and other Articles of Food	191
Houses Disinfected	2
<u>Informal Notices served</u>	75

Sanitary Improvements Effected.

Dwelling Houses:

Repaired or made fit	2
Roofs repaired	42
Floors repaired, ventilated, etc.	12
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired	29
Windows repaired, made to open, etc.	
Sashcords renewed.	20
Food Stores provided, repaired, etc.	2
Stairs repaired.	3
Skirting boards provided or repaired	1
Doors repaired, rehung or renewed	47
Firegrates repaired, reset or renewed	38
Chimneys or Chimney stacks repaired	31

Dwelling Houses (Contd.)

New sinks provided and fixed	18
Sink wastes repaired or renewed	10
Water supply provided inside houses	1
Wash Coppers repaired or provided	13
Copper firesets repaired or renewed	3
Ovens repaired or renewed	8
External walls cemented or tarred	16
Eaves gutters and R.W.P. renewed	8
Dangerous walls repaired	1
Yards and Passages paved and drained	7

Drains, Water Closets and Ashes Accommodation:

Obstructed drains and W.C's cleansed	11
Inspection chamber covers renewed	2
W.C. basins renewed	25
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed	83
Dustbins provided	39

Other Nuisances:

Rats and Mice	41
Plumbing Repairs	315

